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NETWORK

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2005, finally rejecting claims 2-5, 8, 9, 17-26, 29, 33-41 and 45-50, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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